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**IN THE CLAIMS:**

The claims as currently presented and under consideration, are presented below for the Examiner's convenience and to comply with 37 CFR §1.121:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method of assaying the wash performance of an enzyme comprising:
  - a) providing a smaller swatch of material comprising a piece of material and a stain;
  - b) fixing the stain to the material;
  - c) applying an enzyme to the swatch;
  - d) incubating the swatch and enzyme;
  - e) measuring the degree of removal of the stain from the material
  - f) determining the wash performance of the enzyme.
2. (CANCELED)
3. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1, wherein the enzyme is selected from the group consisting of a protease, a cellulase, an amylase, a laccase, and a lipase.
4. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1, wherein the material is selected from the group consisting of a fabric, plastic, glass or ceramic.
5. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1, wherein the stain is selected from the group consisting of blood, milk, ink, grass, spinach, gravy, chocolate, egg, cheese, clay, pigment, oil, and combinations thereof.
6. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1, wherein the enzyme is applied to the swatch in combination with a detergent ingredient.
7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 1, further comprising agitating the swatch and enzyme during [incubation] step (d).

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8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method of assaying the wash performance of a detergent composition comprising:
- a) providing a smaller swatch of material comprising a piece of material and a stain;
  - b) fixing the stain to the material;
  - c) applying a detergent composition to the swatch;
  - d) incubating the swatch and detergent composition; and
  - e) measuring [the a degree of] removal of the stain from the material to determine wash performance.

Please cancel claim 9.

10. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 8, wherein the material is selected from the group consisting of a fabric, plastic, glass, or ceramic.
11. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 8, wherein the stain is selected from the group consisting of blood, milk, ink, grass, spinach, gravy, chocolate, egg, cheese, clay, pigment, oil, and combinations thereof.
12. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 8, wherein the detergent composition is applied to the swatch in combination with an enzyme.
13. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 12, wherein the enzyme is selected from the group consisting of a protease, a cellulase, an amylase, a laccase, and a lipase.
14. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 8, further comprising agitating the swatch and detergent composition during incubation.

Please cancel claims 15-26.